

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the disclosure beginning at page 16, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Administrating client computer (3) is connected to a plurality of facsimile machines (1) over a LAN (2). The facsimile machines (1) store quick-dial ~~quick-dial~~ telephone numbers in RAM (11), and operating programs in flash memory (13). The computer (3) sends replacement data for the quick-dial telephone numbers and the operating programs of the facsimile machines (1) to the facsimile machines (1) over the LAN (2). The facsimile machines that receive the replacement data then overwrite the telephone numbers and operating programs with the replacement data.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The facsimile machines normally store speed-dial ~~speed-dial~~ lists of telephone numbers or other data for quick dialing in order to improve the efficiency of the system during transmission. Conventionally, when the administration center (computer) that manages the facsimile machines needs to update the data in the quick dial lists or update other information such as the programming of the facsimile machines, it dials each facsimile machine one-by-one ~~one-by-one~~ over the PSTN and over-writes the old data with replacement data.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

There are several drawbacks to updating the data stored at the network facsimile machines using this conventional system. First, since the administrating computer overwrites the data at the network facsimile machines over the PSTN ("Publicly Switched Telephone Network"), a procedure for data overwriting may be time consuming and may increase communication costs. Further, if an error occurs during data transmission, the data overwriting procedure always fails. Still further, this process must be performed individually for each facsimile machine, thus increasing the total amount of time and communication cost required to overwrite data at a plurality of facsimile machines. It is thus desirable to find a more efficient way to update the data stored at the network communication devices of such a communication system.